EROSION AND SEDUMENT CONTROL SPECIFICATIONS SECTION

LEARNING OBJECTIVE

1. To become familiar with the description, construction details, and maintenance procedures for 25 erosion and sediment control specifications recommended by the Virginia ESC Program.

INSTRUCTIONAL ELEMENTS

This Section contains the description, construction details, and maintenance procedures for 25 of the most commonly applied structural and vegetative ESC specifications included in the *Virginia Erosion & Sediment Control Handbook* (Third Edition, 1992). The index below provides a list of the specifications covered in this Section.

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STD. & SPEC. 3.02 TEMPORARY STONE CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE





Practice Description

A stabilized stone pad with a filter fabric underliner located at points of vehicular ingress and egress on a construction site, used to reduce the amount of mud transported onto paved public roads by motor vehicles or runoff.

Conditions Where Practice Applies

Wherever traffic will be leaving a construction site and moves directly onto a public road or other paved area.

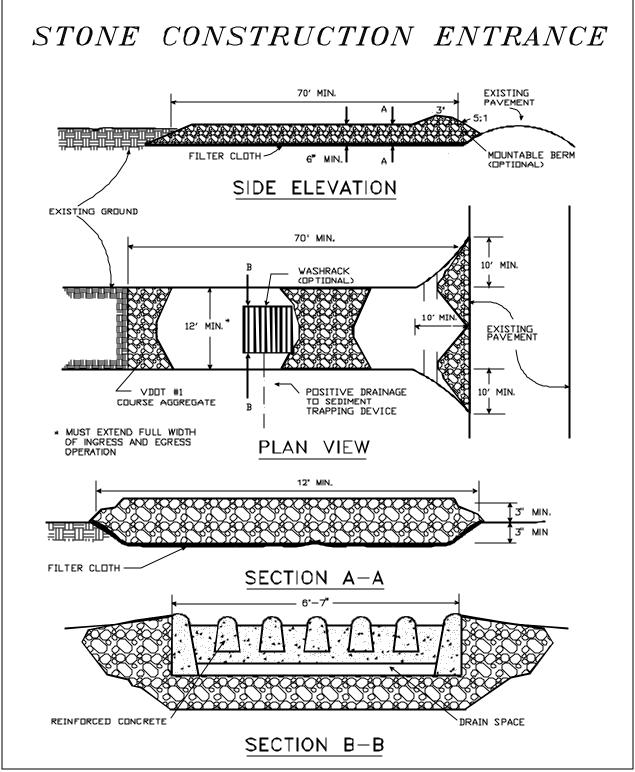
Construction Specifications

- 1. Aggregate Size: VDOT #1 Coarse Aggregate (2- to 3- inch stone) should be used.
- 2. Entrance Dimensions: The aggregate layer must be at least 6 inches thick; a minimum three inches of aggregate should be placed in a cut section to give the entrance added stability and to help secure filter cloth separator. It must extend the <u>full width</u> of the vehicular ingress and egress area and have a minimum 12-foot width. The length of the entrance must be at least 70 feet (see Plate 3.02-1).
- 3. Washing: If conditions on the site are such that the majority of the mud is not removed by the vehicles traveling over the stone, then the tires of the vehicles must be washed before entering the public road. Wash water must be carried away from the entrance to an approved settling area to remove sediment. All sediment shall be prevented from entering storm drains, ditches, or watercourses. A wash rack may also be used to make washing more convenient and effective (see Plate 3.02-1).
- 4. <u>Location:</u> The entrance should be located to provide for maximum utilization by all construction vehicles.
- 5. The area of the entrance must be excavated a minimum of 3 inches and must be cleared of all vegetation, roots, and other objectionable material. The filter fabric underliner will then be placed the full width and length of the entrance.
- 6. Following the installation of the filter cloth, the stone shall be placed to the specified dimensions. If wash racks are used, they should be installed according to manufacturer's specifications. Any drainage facilities required because of washing should be constructed according to specifications. Conveyance of surface water under entrance, through culverts, shall be provided as required. If such conveyance is impossible, the construction of a "mountable" berm with 5:1 slopes will be permitted.

The filter cloth utilized shall be a woven or nonwoven fabric consisting only of continuous chain polymeric filaments or yarns of polyester. The fabric shall be inert to commonly encountered chemicals and hydrocarbons, be mildew and rot resistant.

Maintenance

The entrance shall be maintained in a condition that will prevent tracking or flow of mud onto public rights-of-way. This may require periodic top dressing with additional stone or the washing and reworking of existing stone as conditions demand and repair and/or cleanout of any structures used to trap sediment. All materials spilled, dropped, washed, or tracked from vehicles onto roadways or into storm drains must be removed immediately. The use of water trucks to remove materials dropped, washed, or tracked onto roadways will not be permitted under any circumstances.



SOURCE: ADAPTED from 1983 Maryland Standards for Soil erosion and Sediment Control, and Va. DSNC

Plate 3.02-1

STD & SPEC 3.03 CONSTRUCTION ROAD STABILIZATION





Practice Description

The temporary stabilization of access roads, subdivision roads, parking areas, and other on-site vehicle transportation routes with stone immediately after grading, to reduce the erosion of temporary roadbeds by construction traffic during wet weather, and to prevent having to regrade permanent roadbeds between the time of initial grading and final stabilization.

Conditions Where Practice Applies

Wherever stone-base roads or parking areas are constructed, whether permanent or temporary, for use by construction traffic.

Construction Specifications

Temporary Access Roads and Parking Areas

- 1. Temporary roads shall follow the contour of the natural terrain to the extent possible. Slopes should not exceed 10 percent.
- 2. Temporary parking areas should be located on naturally flat areas to minimize grading. Grades should be sufficient to provide drainage but should not exceed 4 percent.
- 3. Roadbeds shall be at least 14 feet wide for one-way traffic and 20 feet wide for two-way traffic.
- 4. All cuts and fills shall be 2:1 or flatter to the extent possible.
- 5. Drainage ditches shall be provided as needed and shall be designed and constructed in accordance with STORMWATER CONVEYANCE CHANNEL, Std. & Spec. 3.17.
- 6. The roadbed or parking surface shall be cleared of all vegetation, roots and other objectionable material.
- 7. A 6-inch course of VDOT #1 Coarse Aggregate shall be applied immediately after grading or the completion of utility installation within the right-of-way. Filter fabric may be applied to the roadbed for additional stability. Design specifications for filter fabric can be found within Std. & Spec. 3.02, TEMPORARY STONE CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE. In "heavy duty" traffic situations (see Table 3.02-A), stone should be placed at an 8- to 10-inch depth to avoid excessive dissipation or maintenance needs.

Vegetation

All roadside ditches, cuts, fills and disturbed areas adjacent to parking areas and roads shall be stabilized with appropriate temporary or permanent vegetation according to the applicable standards and specifications contained in this handbook.

Maintenance

Both temporary and permanent roads and parking areas may require periodic top dressing with new gravel. Seeded areas adjacent to the roads and parking areas should be checked periodically to ensure that a vigorous stand of vegetation is maintained. Roadside ditches and other drainage structures should be checked regularly to ensure that they do not become clogged with silt or other debris.

STD & SPEC. 3.05 SILT FENCE





Practice Description

A temporary sediment barrier consisting of a synthetic filter fabric stretched across and attached to supporting posts and entrenched, used to intercept and detain small amounts of sediment from disturbed areas during construction operations in order to prevent sediment from leaving the site, and to decrease the velocity of sheet flows and low-to-moderate level channel flows.

Conditions Where Practice Applies

- 1. Below disturbed areas where erosion would occur in the form of sheet and rill erosion.
- 2. Where the size of the drainage area is no more than one quarter acre per 100 feet of silt fence length; the maximum slope length behind the barrier is 100 feet; and the maximum gradient behind the barrier is 50 percent (2:1).
- 3. In minor swales or ditch lines where the maximum contributing drainage area is no greater than 1 acre and flow is no greater than 1 cfs.
- 4. Silt fence will not be used in areas where rock or some other hard surface prevents the full and uniform depth anchoring of the barrier.

Construction Specifications

1. Synthetic filter fabric shall be a pervious sheet of propylene, nylon, polyester or ethylene yarn and shall be certified by the manufacturer or supplier as conforming to the requirements noted in Table 3.05-B.

TABLE 3.05-B PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF FILTER FABRIC IN SILT FENCE

Physical Phy	l Property	Test	Requirements

Filtering Efficiency ASTM 5141 75% (minimum)

Tensile Strength at VTM-52 Extra Strength-

20% (max.) Elongation* 50 lbs./linear inch

(minimum)

Standard Strength-30 lbs./linear inch

(minimum)

Flow Rate ASTM 5141 0.2 gal./sq. ft./min.

(minimum)

Ultraviolet Radiation ASTM-G-26 90% (minimum)

Source: VHTRC

- 2. Synthetic filter fabric shall contain ultraviolet ray inhibitors and stabilizers to provide a minimum of six months of expected usable construction life at a temperature range of 0? F to 120? F.
- 3. If <u>wooden stakes</u> are utilized for silt fence construction, they must have a diameter of 2 inches when oak is used and 4 inches when pine is used. Wooden stakes must have a minimum length of 5 feet.
- 4. If <u>steel posts</u> (standard "U" or "T" section) are utilized for silt fence construction, they must have a minimum weight of 1.33 pounds per linear foot and shall have a minimum length of 5 feet.
- 5. Wire fence reinforcement for silt fences using standard-strength filter cloth shall be a minimum of 14 gauge and shall have a maximum mesh spacing of 6 inches.

Installation

1. The height of a silt fence shall be a minimum of 16 inches above the original ground surface and shall not exceed 34 inches above ground elevation.

^{*}Requirements reduced by 50% after six months of installation.

- 2. The filter fabric shall be purchased in a continuous roll cut to the length of the barrier to avoid the use of joints. When joints are unavoidable, filter cloth shall be spliced together only at a support post, with a minimum 6-inch overlap, and securely sealed.
- 3. A trench shall be excavated approximately 4-inches wide and 4-inches deep on the upslope side of the proposed location of the measure.
- 4. When <u>wire support is used</u>, standard-strength filter cloth may be used. Posts for this type of installation shall be placed a maximum of 10-feet apart (see Plate 3.05-1).

The wire mesh fence must be fastened securely to the <u>upslope</u> side of the posts using heavy duty wire staples at least one inch long, tie wires or hog rings. The wire shall extend into the trench a minimum of two inches and shall not extend more than 34 inches above the original ground surface. The standard-strength fabric shall be stapled or wired to the wire fence, and 8 inches of the fabric shall be extended into the trench. The fabric shall not be stapled to existing trees.

5. When <u>wire support is not used</u>, extra-strength filter cloth shall be used. Posts for this type of fabric shall be placed a <u>maximum of 6-feet apart</u> (see Plate 3.05-2).

The filter fabric shall be fastened securely to the upslope side of the posts using one inch long (minimum) heavy-duty wire staples or tie wires and eight inches of the fabric shall be extended into the trench. The fabric shall not be stapled to existing trees. This method of installation has been found to be more commonplace than #4.

6. If a silt fence is to be constructed across a ditch line or swale, the measure must be of sufficient length to eliminate endflow, and the plan configuration shall resemble an arc or horseshoe with the ends oriented upslope (see Plate 3.05-2). Extra-strength filter fabric shall be used for this application with a maximum 3-foot spacing of posts.

All other installation requirements noted in #5 apply.

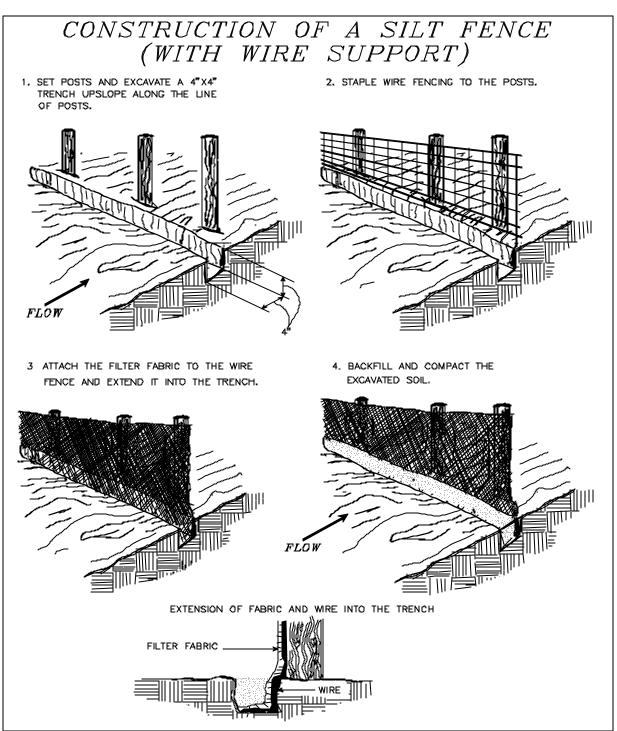
- 7. The 4-inch by 4-inch trench shall be backfilled and the soil compacted over the filter fabric.
- 8. Silt fences shall be removed when they have served their useful purpose, but not before the upslope area has been permanently stabilized.

Maintenance

- 1. Silt fences shall be inspected immediately after rainfall and at least daily during prolonged rainfall. Any required repairs shall be made immediately.
- 2. Close attention shall be paid to the repair of damaged silt fence resulting from end runs and undercutting.

- 3. Should the fabric on a silt fence decompose or become ineffective prior to the end of the expected usable life and the barrier is still necessary, the fabric shall be replaced promptly.
- 4. Sediment deposits should be removed after each storm event. They must be removed when deposits reach approximately one-half the height of the barrier.
- 5. Any sediment deposits remaining in place after the silt fence is no longer required shall be dressed to conform with the existing grade, prepared and seeded.

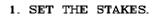
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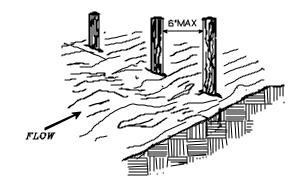


SOURCE: Adapted from <u>Installation of Straw and Fabric Filter Barriers for Sediment Control,</u> Sherwood & Wyanl

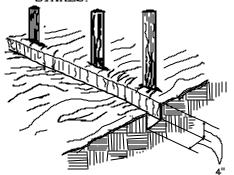
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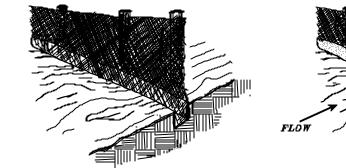


2. EXCAVATE A 4"X 4" TRENCH UPSLOPE ALONG THE LINE OF STAKES.



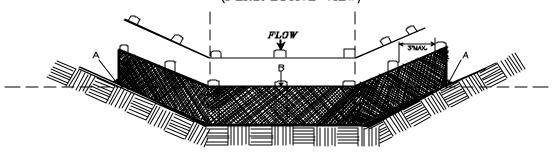
3. STAPLE FILTER MATERIAL TO STAKES AND EXTEND IT INTO THE TRENCH.





FLOW

SHEET FLOW INSTALLATION (PERSPECTIVE VIEW)



POINTS A SHOULD BE HIGHER THAN POINT B.

DRAINAGEWAY INSTALLATION

(FRONT ELEVATION)

SOURCE: Adapted from <u>Installation of Straw and Fabric Filter Barriers for Sediment Control</u>, VA. DSWC Sherwood and Wyant

PLATE, 3.05-2

STD & SPEC 3.07 STORM DRAIN INLET PROTECTION





Practice Description

A sediment filter or an excavated impounding area around a storm drain drop inlet or curb inlet used to prevent sediment from entering storm drainage systems prior to permanent stabilization of the disturbed area.

Conditions Where Practice Applies

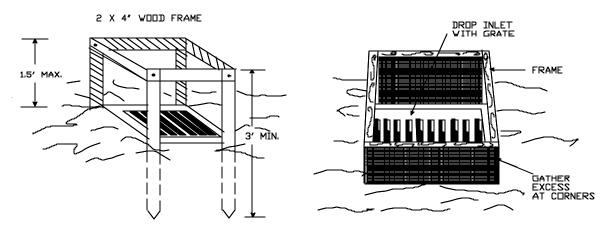
Where storm drain inlets are to be made operational before permanent stabilization of the corresponding disturbed drainage area. Different types of structures are applicable to different conditions (see Plates 3.07-1 through 3.07-8).

Construction Specifications

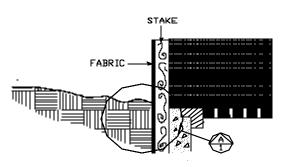
1. Silt Fence Drop Inlet Protection

- a. Silt Fence shall conform to the construction specifications for "extra strength" found in Table 3.05-B and shall be cut from a continuous roll to avoid joints.
- b. For stakes, use 2 x 4-inch wood (preferred) or equivalent metal with a minimum length of 3 feet.
- c. Space stakes evenly around the perimeter of the inlet a <u>maximum of 3-feet apart</u>, and securely drive them into the ground, approximately 18-inches deep (see Plate 3.07-1).
- d. To provide needed stability to the installation, frame with 2 x 4-inch wood strips around the crest of the overflow area at a maximum of 11/x feet above the drop inlet crest.
- e. Place the bottom 12 inches of the fabric in a trench Plate 3.07-1) and backfill the trench with 12 inches of compacted soil.
- f. Fasten fabric securely by staples or wire to the stakes and frame. Joints must be overlapped to the next stake.
- g. It may be necessary to build a temporary dike on the downslope side of the structure to prevent bypass flow.

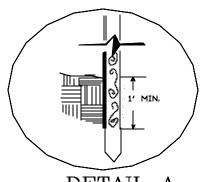
SILT FENCE DROP INLET PROTECTION



PERSPECTIVE VIEWS



ELEVATION OF STAKE AND FABRIC ORIENTATION



DETAIL A

SPECIFIC APPLICATION

THIS METHOD OF INLET PROTECTION IS APPLICABLE WHERE THE INLET DRAINS A RELATIVELY FLAT AREA (SLOPE NO GREATER THAN 5%) WHERE THE INLET SHEET OR OVERLAND FLOWS (NOT EXCEEDING 1 C.F.S.) ARE TYPICAL. THE METHOD SHALL NOT APPLY TO INLETS RECEIVING CONCENTRATED FLOWS, SUCH AS IN STREET OR HIGHWAY MEDIANS.

SOURCE: N.C. Erosion and Sediment Control Planning and Design Manual, 1988

PLATE 3.07-1

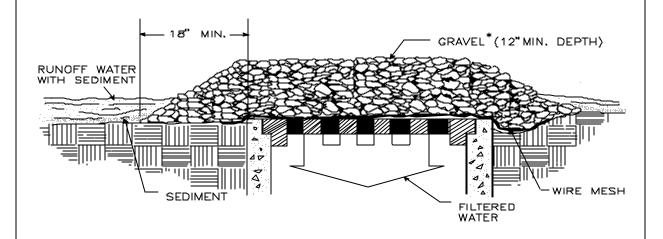
2. Gravel and Wire Mesh Drop Inlet Sediment Filter

- a. Wire mesh shall be laid over the drop inlet so that the wire extends a minimum of 1 foot beyond each side of the inlet structure. Wire mesh with 1/2-inch openings shall be used. If more than one strip of mesh is necessary, the strips shall be overlapped.
- b. Coarse aggregate shall be placed over the wire mesh as indicated on Plate 3.07-2. The depth of stone shall be at least 12 inches over the entire inlet opening. The stone shall extend beyond the inlet opening at least 18 inches on all sides.
- c. If the stone filter becomes clogged with sediment so that it no longer adequately performs its function, the stones must be pulled away from the inlet, cleaned and/or replaced.

<u>Note</u>: This filtering device has no overflow mechanism; therefore, ponding is likely especially if sediment is not removed regularly. This type of device must <u>never</u> be used where overflow may endanger an exposed fill slope. Consideration should also be given to the possible effects of ponding on traffic movement, nearby structures, working areas, adjacent property, etc.

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$GRAVEL\ AND\ WIRE\ MESH\ DROP\ INLET\ SEDIMENT\ FILTER$



SPECIFIC APPLICATION

THIS METHOD OF INLET PROTECTION IS APPLICABLE WHERE HEAVY CONCENTRATED FLOWS ARE EXPECTED, BUT NOT WHERE PONDING AROUND THE STRUCTURE MIGHT CAUSE EXCESSIVE INCONVENIENCE OR DAMAGE TO ADJACENT STRUCTURES AND UNPROTECTED AREAS.

* GRAVEL SHALL BE VDOT #3, #357 OR #5 COARSE AGGREGATE.

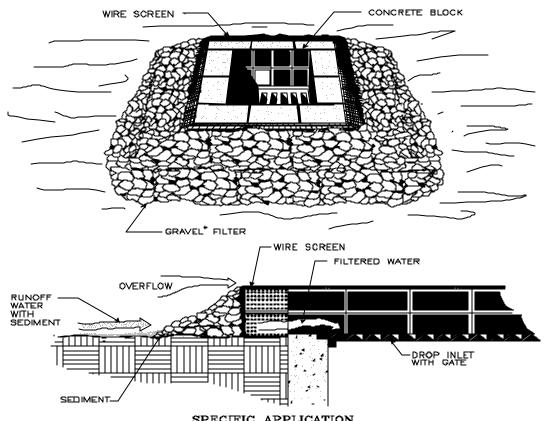
SOURCE: VA. DSWC PLATE. 3.07-2

3. Block and Gravel Drop Inlet Sediment Filter

- a. Place concrete blocks lengthwise on their sides in a single row around the perimeter of the inlet, with the ends of the adjacent blocks abutting. The height of the barrier can be varied, depending on design needs, by stacking combinations of various width blocks. The barrier shall be no less than 12 inches high and no greater than 24 inches high.
- b. Wire mesh shall be placed over the outside vertical face (webbing) of the blocks to prevent stone wash thru. Wire mesh with ½ openings shall be used.
- c. Stone shall be place against the wire to the top of the barrier as shown in Plate 3.07-3.
- d. The stone shall be removed cleaned and replaced when the sediment level reaches ½the barrier height.

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BLOCK AND GRAVEL DROP INLET SEDIMENT FILTER



SPECIFIC APPLICATION

THIS METHOD OF INLET PROTECTION IS APPLICABLE WHERE HEAVY FLOWS ARE EXPECTED AND WHERE AN OVERFLOW CAPACITY IS NECESSARY TO PREVENT EXCESSIVE PONDING AROUND THE STRUCTURE.

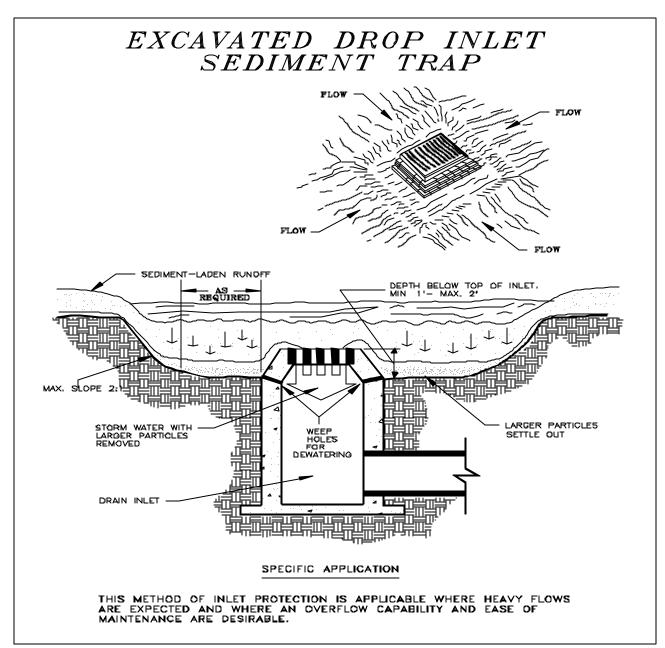
* GRAVEL SHALL BE VDOT #3, #357 OR #5 COARSE AGGREGATE.

SOURCE: VA. DSWC PLATE. 3.07-3

4. Excavated Drop Inlet Sediment Trap

- a. The excavated trap shall be sized to provide a minimum storage capacity calculated at the rate of 134 cubic yards per acre of drainage area. A trap shall be no less than 1-foot nor more than 2-feet deep measured from the top of the inlet structure. Side slopes shall not be steeper than 2:1 (see Plate 3.07-4).
- b. The slope of the basin may vary to fit the drainage area and terrain. Observations must be made to check trap efficiency and modifications shall be made as necessary to ensure satisfactory trapping of sediment. Where an inlet is located so as to receive concentrated flows, such as in a highway median, it is recommended that the basin have a rectangular shape in a 2:1 (length/width) ratio, with the length oriented in the direction of the flow.
- c. Sediment shall be removed and the trap restored to its original dimensions when the sediment has accumulated to one-half the design depth of the trap. Removed sediment shall be deposited in a suitable area and in a manner such that it will not erode.

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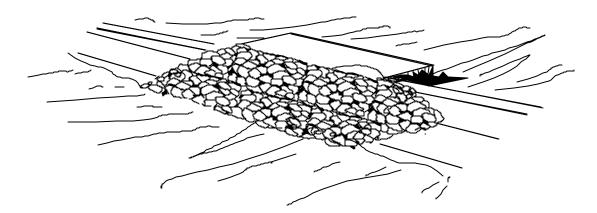
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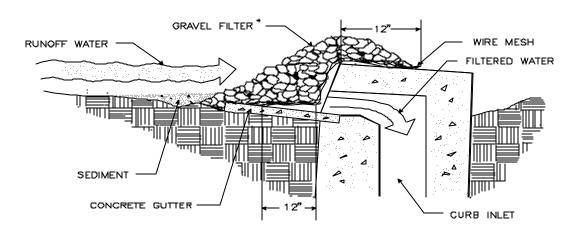
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5. Gravel Curb Inlet Sediment Filter

- a. Wire mesh with 1/2-inch openings shall be placed over the curb inlet opening so that at least 12 inches of wire extends across the inlet cover and at least 12 inches of wire extends across the concrete gutter from the inlet opening, as depicted in Plate 3.07-6.
- b. Stone shall be piled against the wire so as to anchor it against the gutter and inlet cover and to cover the inlet opening completely.
- c. If the stone filter becomes clogged with sediment so that it no longer adequately performs its function, the stone must be pulled away from the block, cleaned and replaced.

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SPECIFIC APPLICATION

THIS METHOD OF INLET PROTECTION IS APPLICABLE AT CURB INLETS WHERE PONDING IN FRONT OF THE STRUCTURE IS NOT LIKELY TO CAUSE INCONVENIENCE OR DAMAGE TO ADJACENT STRUCTURES AND UNPROTECTED AREAS.

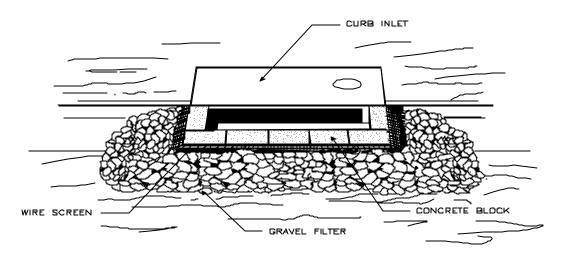
* GRAVEL SHALL BE VDOT #3, #357 OR 5 COARSE AGGREGATE.

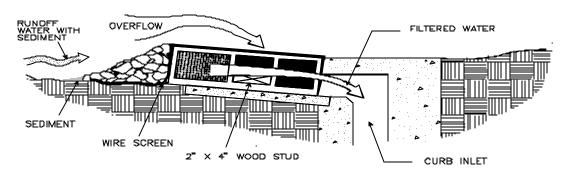
SOURCE: VA. DSWC PLATE 3.07-6

6. Block and Gravel Curb Inlet Sediment Filter

- a. Two concrete blocks shall be placed on their sides abutting the curb at either side of the inlet opening.
- b. A 2-inch x 4-inch stud shall be cut and placed through the outer holes of each spacer block to help keep the front blocks in place.
- c. Concrete blocks shall be placed on their sides across the front of the inlet and abutting the spacer blocks as depicted in Plate 3.07-8.
- d. Wire mesh shall be placed over the outside vertical face (webbing) of the concrete blocks to prevent stone from being washed through the holes in the blocks. Wire mesh with 1/2-inch openings shall be used.
- e. Coarse aggregate shall be piled against the wire to the top of the barrier as shown.
- f. If the stone filter becomes clogged with sediment so that it no longer adequately performs its function, the stone must be pulled away from the blocks, cleaned and/or replaced.

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SPECIAL APPLICATION

THIS METHOD OF INLET PROTECTION IS APPLICABLE AT CURB INLETS WHERE AN OVERFLOW CAPABILITY IS NECESSARY TO PREVENT EXCESSIVE PONDING IN FRONT OF THE STRUCTURE.

* GRAVEL SHALL BE VDOT #3, #357 OR #5 COARSE AGGREGATE

SOURCE: VA. DSWC PLATE 3.07-8

Maintenance

- 1. The structure shall be inspected after each rain and repairs made as needed.
- 2. Sediment shall be removed and the trap restored to its original dimensions when the sediment has accumulated to one half the design depth of the trap. Removed sediment shall be deposited in a suitable area and in such a manner that it will not erode.
- 3. Structures shall be removed when the remaining drainage area has been properly stabilized.

STD & SPEC 3.08 CULVERT INLET PROTECTION





Practice Description

A sediment filter located at the inlet to storm sewer culverts, used to prevent sediment from entering, accumulating in and being transferred by a culvert and associated drainage system prior to permanent stabilization of a disturbed project area; and, to provide erosion control at culvert inlets during the phase of a project where elevation and drainage patterns change, causing original control measures to be ineffective or in need of removal.

Conditions Where Practice Applies

Where culvert and associated drainage system is to be made operational prior to permanent stabilization of the disturbed drainage area. Different types of structures are applicable to different conditions (see Plates 3.08-1 and 3.08-2).

General Guidelines (All Types)

- 1. The inlet protection device shall be constructed in a manner that will facilitate clean-out and disposal of trapped sediment and minimize interference with construction activities.
- 2. The inlet protection devices shall be constructed in such a manner that any resultant ponding of stormwater will not cause excessive inconvenience or damage to adjacent areas or structures.
- 3. Design criteria more specific to each particular inlet protection device will be found in Plates 3.08-1 through 3.08-2.

Construction Specifications

1. <u>Silt Fence Culvert Inlet Protection</u>

- a. The height of the silt fence (in front of the culvert opening) shall be a minimum of 16 inches and shall not exceed 34 inches.
- b. Extra strength filter fabric with a maximum spacing of stakes of 3 feet shall be used to construct the measure.
- c. The placement of silt fence should be approximately 6 feet from the culvert in the direction of incoming flow, creating a "horseshoe" shape as shown in Plate 3.08-1.
- d. <u>If silt fence cannot be installed properly</u> or the flow and/or velocity of flow to the culvert protection is excessive and may breach the structure, the <u>stone combination</u> noted in Plate 3.08-1 should be utilized.

2. Culvert Inlet Sediment Trap

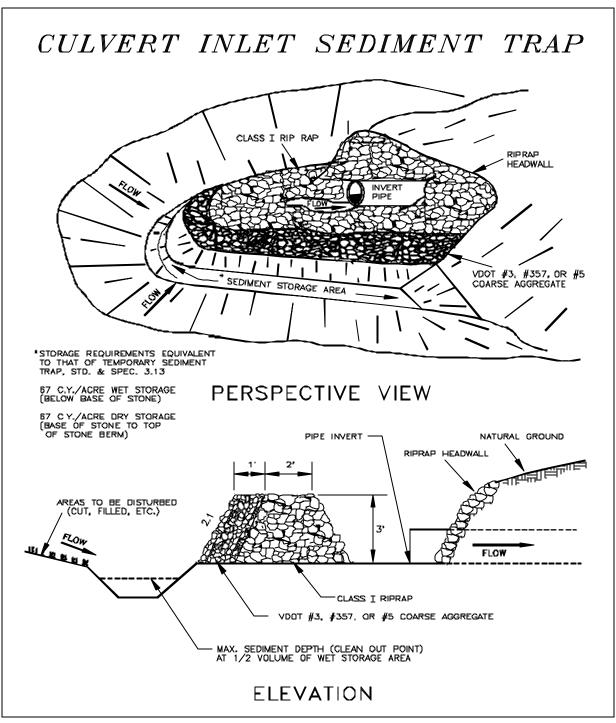
- a. Geometry of the design will be a "horseshoe" shape around the culvert inlet (see Plate 3.08-2).
- b. The toe of riprap (composing the sediment filter dam) shall be no closer than 24" from the culvert opening in order to provide an acceptable emergency outlet for flows from larger storm events.
- c. All other "Construction Specifications" found within Std. & Spec. 3.13, TEMPORARY SEDIMENT TRAP, also apply to this practice.
- d. The proper installation of the culvert inlet sediment trap is <u>a viable substitute for the installation of the TEMPORARY SEDIMENT TRAP.</u>

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SILT FENCE CULVERT INLET **PROTECTION** - ENDWALL TOE OF FILL -CULVERT 9 TOE OF FILL SILT FENCE -* DISTANCE IS 6' MINIMUM IF FLOW IS TOWARD EMBANKMENT - FLOW OPTIONAL STONE COMBINATION FLOW 2,5' *VDOT #3, #357, #5, #58 OR #57 COARSE AGGREGATE TO REPLACE SILT FENCE IN " HORSESHOE " WHEN HIGH VELOCITY OF FLOW IS EXPECTED -CLASS I RIPRAP

SOURCE: ADAPTED from VDOT Standard Sheets and Va. DSWC

PLATE. 3.08-1



SOURCE: NORTH CAROLINA SEDIMENT CONTROL COMMISSION

PLATE. 3.08-2

Maintenance

- 1. The structure shall be inspected after each rain and repairs made as needed.
- 2. Aggregate shall be replaced or cleaned when inspection reveals that clogged voids are causing ponding problems that interfere with on-site construction.
- 3. Sediment shall be removed and the impoundment restored to its original dimensions when sediment has accumulated to one-half the design depth. Removed sediment shall be deposited in a suitable area and in such a manner that it will not erode and cause sedimentation problems.
- 4. Temporary structures shall be removed when they have served their useful purpose, but not before the upslope area has been permanently stabilized.

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STD & SPEC 3.09 TEMPORARY DIVERSION DIKE

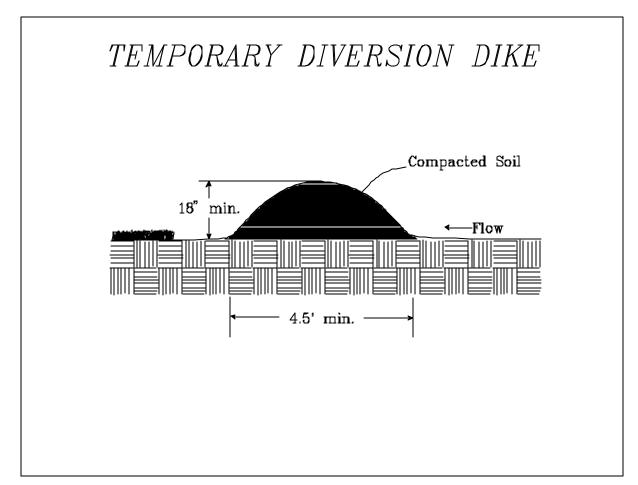


Practice Description

A temporary ridge of compacted soil constructed at the top of a sloping disturbed area, to divert storm runoff from upslope drainage areas away from unprotected disturbed areas and slopes to a stabilized outlet and to divert sediment-laden runoff from a disturbed area to sediment-trapping facility such as a sediment trap or sediment basin.

Conditions Where Practice Applies

Whenever stormwater runoff must be temporarily diverted to protect disturbed areas and slopes or retain sediment on site during construction. These structures generally have a life expectancy of 18 months or less, which can be prolonged with proper maintenance.



SOURCE: VA. DSWC PLATE 3.09-1

Construction Specifications

- 1. Height: The minimum allowable height measured from the upslope side of the dike is 18 inches.
- 2. <u>Side Slopes</u>: 1 1/2:1 or flatter, along with a minimum base width of 4.5 feet (see Plate 3.09-1).
- 3. <u>Grade</u>: The channel behind the dike shall have a positive grade to a stabilized outlet. If the channel slope is less than or equal to 2%, no stabilization is required. If the slope is greater 2%, the channel shall be stabilized in accordance with Std. & Spec. 3.17, STORMWATER CONVEYANCE CHANNEL.
- 4. <u>Outlet</u>: The diverted runoff, if free of sediment, must be released through a stabilized outlet or channel. Sediment-laden runoff must be diverted through a sediment trapping facility.
- 5. Temporary diversion dikes must be installed as a first step in the land-disturbing activity and must be functional prior to upslope land disturbance.
- 6. The dike should be adequately compacted to prevent failure.
- 7. Temporary or permanent seeding and mulch shall be applied to the dike immediately following its construction.
- 8. The dike should be located to minimize damages by construction and traffic.

Maintenance

The measure shall be inspected after every storm and repairs made to the dike, flow channel, outlet or sediment trapping facility, as necessary. Once every two weeks, whether a storm event has occurred or not, the measure shall be inspected and repairs made if needed. Damages caused by construction traffic or other activity must be repaired before the end of each working day.

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